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Date: Monday, April 14, 2008 7:37 AM
To: DOT STIP
Subject: Juneau Access Project

Dear DOT Representative,

I opposed to the "Juneau Access Project" and to any additional funds being appropriated for the consideration or construction of the project.

I also oppose the use of the ill appropriated funds, when so many essential needs of our state go unfunded such as existing transportation infrastructure, maintenance and education.

Until DOT can present an actual cost estimate for the project, which will require completed geotechnical work begun by Golder Associates to identify the final alignment, location of tunnels, retaining walls, drainage, reinforcement structures, etc, and can identify the source of all necessary construction AND MAINTENANCE dollars, the JAP should be removed from the STIP. With dwindling transportation dollars, it would be fiscally irresponsible to do otherwise.

The last thing this state needs is another federally funded construction project, having limited seasonal use, that the State is incapable of supporting going in to the future, in a safe and consistent manner.

We do not need to invest in a project which will expose residents and visitors to unnecessary hazards when we currently operate a safe, low impact, profitable alternative.

Sincerely,

Kip Kermoian